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SUBJECT: JAPANESE PRESS REPORTING ON GOJ THINKING ON KOREA

1. WITH JAPANESE BUREAUCRACY STILL ON EXTENDED NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY AND PRESS ON SEMI-HOLIDAY, MEDIA COVERAGE OF RECENT ROK FONMIN STATEMENTS ON US-ROK RELATIONS HAS BEEN LIMITED TO INITIAL FACTUAL REPORTING.

2. TOKYO SHIMBUN, WHICH HAS RECORD OF AUTHORITATIVE GOJ SOURCING, CARRIED TWO STORIES JANUARY 3 EXPLORING LONGER-TERM JAPANESE-ROK-US RELATIONS. FRONT-PAGE LEAD ARTICLE REPORTED THAT FONOFF WAS DETERMINED TO REVITALIZE JAPAN-SOUTH KOREAN DIALOGUE DURING ROK FONMIN'S VISIT TO TOKYO IN MARCH. FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH ROK "PRIOR TO US-JAPAN SUMMIT LATER IN SPRING" WAS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN LIGHT OF NEW POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURES ON ROK OCCASIONED BY CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICIES ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT FONOFF, WITH STRONG BACKING FROM PM FUKUDA, WOULD MAKE ALL-OUT EFFORT FOR DIET APPROVAL OF LONG-DELAYED  
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KOREAN CONTINENTAL-SHELF AGREEHENT.

3. SAME ISSUE OF TOKYO SHIMBUN ALSO REPORTED JUDGMENT WITHIN JDA THAT US TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD PROBABLY BE WITHDRAWN FROM ROK DURING NEXT YEAR OR TWO, AND US GROUND TROOPS WOULD BEGIN GRADUAL PULL-OUT WITH COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL BY FIRST HALF OF 1980'S AT

LATEST. JDA, ARTICLE WENT ON, COULD NOT OPPOSE WITHDRAWAL  
OF TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS BECAUSE OF JAPAN'S  
ESTABLISHED ANTI-NUCLEAR POLICY. WHILE IT MIGHT  
BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S  
POLICY ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL, JDA WOULD PRESS FOR US  
"PRUDENCE AND RESTRAINT," EMPHASIZING ITS CONCERN  
THAT HASTY PULL-OUT WOULD UPSET NE ASIAN MILITARY  
BALANCE. ARTICLE REPORTED JDA DIRGEN MIHARA  
HOPED TO MEET WITH NEW SECDEF BROWN IN US AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE, PERHAPS FOLLOWING DIET DELIBERATION OF  
JDA BUDGET AND OKINAWA BASE LAND WILL IN LATE SPRING.  
ACCORDING TO ARTICLE MIHARA VISIT WOULD FULFILL  
SAKATA-SCHLESINGER AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IN 1975 FOR  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SENIOR DEFENSE OFFICIALS. QUESTION OF  
US FORCES IN ROK WOULD PRESUMABLY BE CENTRAL TOPIC.  
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